

PROJECT: Government Center

SIZE: 60 Acres

STATUS: Acquisition almost complete; Construction underway;
Approval of Final Plan Pending

FEDERAL GRANT: \$27,000,000.00

LOCAL GRANT: \$13,500,000.00

A. State Share: \$ 6,750,000.00

B. City Share: \$ 6,750,000.00*

PRIVATE INVESTMENT: \$100,000,000.00
(estimated)

RE-USE PLAN:

1. New \$20,000,000 City Hall
2. \$25,000,000 Federal Office Building
3. \$34,000,000 State Service Center
4. Eight Commercial Buildings
5. 2,000-car \$7,000,000 Parking Garage
6. M.T.A. Relocation and Improvements
7. New Connecting Ramps to Central Artery
8. Traffic and Circulation Improvements
9. Reorganization of the Utility System
10. Central Pedestrian Plaza

*The City's share will be offset by a Federal Credit of \$7,000,000 received for the construction of the Government Center parking garage --

TAX IMPACT: Tax revenues from the Government Center after redevelopment is completed will increase by more than \$500,000 per year over the revenues received prior to inception of the project.

SUMMARY

The Government Center Project is a major effort to provide a new and strong center for both governmental activity and private development in the heart of downtown Boston. As such, it will not only reclaim the heavily blighted Scollay Square area, but it will also provide attractive and economically sound developments which will strengthen adjacent areas. Special attention has also been given to the quality of project design and the preservation of significant historic sites.

The heart of Boston's new Government Center will be the New City Hall. The design for this building was chosen in 1962 by the Government Center Commission from among 256 entries submitted in nationwide competition. It is now under construction. Completion will be in mid-1966.

The framework of the Government Center is a complex of public buildings serving the City, State, and Federal Governments, together with new private office buildings, an improved street pattern, attractive pedestrian plazas, and open spaces.

This new Center will stabilize and upgrade property values in the downtown area, will bring in millions of new tax dollars over the years. From a physical standpoint, the project will represent the highest standards of urban design and architectural quality. When completed, the Government Center will undoubtedly be one of the showplaces of Boston. It will set a standard for civic design throughout the country for many years to come.

